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1. (U) IN RESPONSE TO THE REFERENCE THE FOLLOWING  
VIEWS ARE PROVIDED.

2. (C) FRG CONSIDERS ITSELF, AND RIGHTLY SO, THE

BEST EUROPEAN FRIEND OF THE PATRIOT SYSTEM FROM AMONG THE NATO ALLIES. THEIR SERIOUS INTENT TO WORK TOWARD A PATRIOT TYPE SOLUTION (AS OPPOSED TO A "EUROPEAN" SOLUTION) FOR THE EUROPEAN FUTURE SAM PROBLEM IS KEYNOTED BY THEIR PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT SUCCESSOR. IN THE FRG VIEW THE BEST APPROACH TO ACCEPTANCE OF THE PATRIOT SYSTEM BY THE NATO ALLIES IS THROUGH NATO ITSELF. THERE IS, AND HAS BEEN FOR SOME TIME, A STRONG EFFORT FROM WITHIN EUROPE TO DEVELOP A EURO-CAPABILITY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FUTURE SAM. IT IS VITAL, THEY ARGUE, TO DEVELOP THIS TECHNOLOGY BASE WITHIN EUROPE. AS THINGS NOW STAND THERE IS NO SYSTEM OR CONCEPT THAT CAN REALLY COMPETE WITH PATRIOT. HOWEVER, ONCE THIS EUROPEAN CONCEPT IS INTRODUCED IN NATO, THE EUROPEAN ALLIES WILL BE FORCED TO FORMALLY CONSIDER THIS ALTERNATIVE. THE FRG, WITH ITS COMMITMENT TO EUROGROUP, MAY FIND ITSELF IN A POSITION IT DOES NOT WANT, I.E. REQUIRED BY THEIR EUROGROUP COMMITMENTS TO SEE THIS SOLUTION THROUGH. THIS CAN BEST BE COMBATTED BY THE EARLY INTRODUCTION OF PATRIOT TO NATO.

3. (U) IT BECOMES MORE APPARENT THAT THE DAYS OF A DIRECT EUROPEAN PURCHASE OF A SOLELY US PRODUCED WEAPON SYSTEM ARE WANING. SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BY THE US FOR EUROPEAN PRODUCTION OF PATRIOT IS ESSENTIAL. TO DELAY THIS WILL ONLY FEED THE DEVELOPMENT OF A EUROPEAN SOLUTION.

4. (U) THROUGH THE EUROGROUP THE FRG IS TIED TO THIS CONCEPT. AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, A STRONG US/FRG COOPERATION IS MOST INFLUENTIAL IN NATO. THIS, HOWEVER, DOES NOT ELIMINATE THE NEED TO NURTURE THE INTEREST OF THE OTHER NATO COUNTRIES. A GERMAN DECISION FOR ADOPTION MUST BE TIED WITH

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